

SENATE BILL 3259

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37,
relative to visitation in juvenile detention centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following language as a new section:

37-1-1__.

Notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, any court that
orders commitment of a delinquent child to the custody of the department of
children's services may, during any period of time that the delinquent child is
placed in a juvenile facility that is subject to inspection by the department of
humans services, and where the child is permitted to have visitors, issue an
order directing the department to allow visitation between the child and any
natural parent, adoptive parent, grandparent, or sibling of the child who is at least
twenty-one (21) years of age.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.